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1. AS HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED IN PRESS, GERMAN POLICE IN SIGMARINGEN ARRESTED A 30-YEAR OLD AGRICULTURAL WORKER, CARL WOLFGANG HOLZAPFEL IN CONNECTION WITH PLOT REPORTED REFTEL AND CHARGED HIM WITH CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY. ACCORDING TO WRITTEN STATEMENT WHICH HOLZAPFEL HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AT TIME OF ARREST AND WHICH HE APPARENTLY INTENDED TO MAIL TO AP STUTTGART OFFICE, GROUP OF NINE MEN AND ONE WOMAN PLANNED TO TAKE OVER BEA AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT FROM SOUTH-GERMAN AIRPORT AND PROCEED TO MOSCOW (REFUELING IN WARSAW), PAA

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WHERE THEY WOULD THREATEN TO BLOW UP AIRCRAFT, UNLESS SOVIETS AGREED TO RELEASE HESS. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, GROUP HAD 18 KILOGRAMS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES CAUSING HOLZAPFEL TO DECIDE TO WITHDRAW FROM PLOT WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HIS CO-CONSPIRATORS WERE PREPARED ACTUALLY TO USE THE EXPLOSIVES RATHER THAT MERELY THREATEN THEIR USE3 HE ARGUED THAT A "HUMANITARIAN EFFOR," COULD NOT SUCCEED THROUGH "BLOODBATH." HOLZAPFEL DID NOT REVEAL TO POLICE NAMES OF CO-CONSPIRATORS OR LOCATION OF EXPLOSIVE.

2. ACCORDING TO POLICE, HOLZAPFEL, WHOSE FIRST RESIDENCE IS IN WEST BERLIN, ONCE CONDUCTED HUNGER STRIKE IN FRONT OF WALL AND SERVED TWO YEARS OF EIGHT-YEAR SENTENCE IN GDR FOR HAVING CONDUCTED DEMONSTRATION IN EAST BERLIN CALLING FOR RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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